conservation of monuments. The core of the project is formed by the key historic structures, the Taj Mahal and the Agra Red Fort and the area across the Yamuna river designated as Mumtaj Bagh. This would also cover satellite sites like Fatehpur Sikri and Sikandra. The concept plan is under preparation by the National Park Service. Based on the recommendations of the concept plan, the State Government and the Agra Development Authority would take necessary action.

Development of Nature Tourism

4. SHRI R.T. GOPALAN : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are paying adequate attention towards nature tourism;

(b) if so, the places identified by Government for nature tourism;

(c) whether it is a fact that accommodation problem also persists at these nature tourism spots; and

(d) if so, the steps contemplated by Government for providing accommodation facilities there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The Government of India is paying adequate attention to all activities for promotion of tourism within the country. The development of infrastructural facilities at Tourist Centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Centre provides financial assistance on the basis of the specific proposals which are considered on their merits, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Construction of Air Strip at Tigerhill, Darjeeling

5. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed air strip to be constructed at Tigerhill, Darjeeling has not been permitted by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b), The proposal of the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council though found feasible for setting up an airstrip of 6500 ft. × 150 ft. at Tigerhill but was not found suitable from environment angle.

Crash of Airbus A-320 in France

6. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA :
SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI :
SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Director General of Civil Aviation has sent a special request to the Director of safety Airbus Industries asking them to send the preliminary report of investigation into the causes of accident involving Airbus A-320 plane which crashed recently in France;

(b) if so, whether Government have received any such report, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what safety measures Government propose to take in respect of Airbus A-320 which are in service with Indian Airlines in view of French mishap of the Airbus?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) Director General of Civil Aviation, India had requested Director General of Civil Aviation, France for details.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Preliminary investigation indicated possibility of confusion between the selection of vertical speed and flight path angle.